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E.O. 11652: NA  
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SUBJ: THOR HEYERDAHL REPORTED AS PLANNING EXPEDITION FROM IRAQ  
TO NEW WORLD

1. BAGHDAD OBSERVER OF AUGUST 18 HAS BACKPAGE ARTICLE  
REPORTING PLANS OF EXPLORER THOR HEYERDAHL TO LAUNCH  
OCEAN CROSSING EXPEDITION FROM IRAQI PORT OF BASRA TO NEW  
WORLD. EXPEDITION WOULD TEST HYPOTHESIS THAT SAILORS FROM  
ANCIENT MESOPOTAMIA REACHED AMERICA. PROJECT SUPPOSEDLY  
INSPIRED BY SUCCESS OF FRED TAMIMI, PRESIDENT OF THE  
ASSYRIOLOGY RESEARCH FOUNDATION OF TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA IN  
DECYPHERING STONES FOUND IN PENNSYLVANIA.

2. IF REPORT IS TRUE, HEYERDAHL EXPEDITION WOULD APPEAR  
TO BE NEWSWORTHY AND OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO VOA  
AUDIENCE IN IRAQ.

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